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Honorable Joseph P. Addabbo
Chairman, Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
H-144, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Senate amendment 109 to H.R. 2577, the FY 85 Supplemental Appropriations bill, would appropriate \$50 million for enhanced security countermeasures capabilities abroad. The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has reviewed with appropriate executive branch officials the justification for improving security countermeasures capabilities and has examined the proposals advanced by the Director of Central Intelligence for the expenditure of such funds. It is my belief that the Committee's review shows the Senate amendment to be well-founded in need and consistent with the Committee's own judgment. The Classified Annex to accompany the FY 86 Intelligence Authorization Act, H.R. 2419, encourages the development of additional security countermeasures in U.S. diplomatic facilities overseas.

In light of the above, I urge your favorable consideration of Senate amendment 109. My understanding of the process by which the \$50 million was reached shows it to be a reasonable one but the actual figure is somewhat arbitrary. It could have been higher or lower. What is much firmer, however, is the Committee's conclusion that improved security countermeasures are greatly needed in U.S. diplomatic facilities overseas.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Lee H. Hamilton
Chairman